

# REASONS

## Humbly Offered,

*Why the Distillers (by the Intended Act to Incourage the Drawing of Brandy from Corn) should have free Liberty to make use of English made Molosses, without any great Distinction of Duty.*

**T**O lay any such higher Duty upon low Wines drawn from Molosses made in *England*, than upon low Wines drawn from Corn, as shall Discourage and Disable the Distiller from the use thereof, will be Fatal to that Ancient useful Expensive, and profitable Trade of Refining of Sugars in this Kingdom; because the *English* Refiner has no other way to Vend the greatest part of the Molosses which comes from the Brown Sugars he works, but by the Distillers Consumption thereof; and if the Refiners Vend of his Molosses be Cut off, then his Refining of Sugars must Consequently and Unavoidably, Totally Cease in this Kingdom.

The Ruin and Destruction of this Trade, will be so far from Increasing the Consumption of Corn by the Distillers, that it will most certainly greatly Abate it; because it can be proved that there are many Hundreds of Tuns of Spirit drawn from Corn Vended Yearly in this Kingdom, by the help of the Flavour of the Spirits drawn from *English* Molosses, which otherwise would not be Consum'd in kind.

The Consequences of the Destruction of this Trade or Manufacture, which for many years past has grown up with the Increase and Success of our Plantations, and for the carrying on of which great Estates have been Expended in Erecting many large and convenient Sugar-works in this Kingdom, will Inevitably be as follows.

I. The Ruin of those many Families, and Thousands of His Majesties Subjects in the way of their Trades, who are concern'd in, and have their Dependence on this useful Trade, of Refining Sugars.

II. The Slighting and Demolishing of those many large, convenient, and costly Structures, which have been Erected not only in *London*, and the Parts adjacent, but in several other parts of this Kingdom, for the carrying on of this Trade.

III. The Transplanting of this Ancient and Profitable Trade from this Kingdom into our

Neighbours, the *French* and *Dutch*, &c. who for several years past have given great proof of their studiousness to Incourage and Promote this Trade within themselves, the first laying no Duty, and the other but a very small Duty upon their Imported Brown Sugars.

IV. The Necessitating of the Persons herein concern'd, and thereupon depending with their Families to Remove and follow this their Trade, and seek their Livelihoods in *Holland*, or some other Forreign Parts; which will hasten on the Impoverishing of *England*, and Enriching our Neighbours.

V. The lessening the Navigation of this Kingdom, which has always been Esteemed the Strength, Wealth, and Glory thereof; because if the *English* Refiner Ceases to make White Sugars out of Brown Sugars to supply the Consumption here at Home, then the Consumption must be supplied by the Importation of White Sugars, which will greatly Abate our Navigation, in that a Ship of One Hundred Tuns will Import as many White Sugars as otherwise would Employ Three Ships of like Burden, if Imported in the Brown Sugars.

VI. The Abating of the Revenue of the Crown to a very high Degree, for one Article of Trade) in that the Refining-works now in being in this Kingdom are capable of working *Communibus Annis*, Fifteen Thousand Tuns of *Muscovado* Sugars, which now pays the King Three Shillings and Ten Pence per Hundred upon Importation, and in the whole Amounts to Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds; but if Refining of Sugars be Discouraged and Beaten out of this Kingdom, the said Fifteen Thousand Tuns of *Muscovado* Sugars upon Exportation to be wrought by our Neighbours, will draw lack from the King Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and leave the King possessed only of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds; all which Mischiefs and Inconveniences the Government being rightly, truly, and timely informed of, it is humbly hoped they will be prevented.